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## Statement submitted by WOOMB International, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council*

The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 30 and 31 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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## Statement

Too often funding, governance and organizational arrangements are duplicated and resources are wasted on delivering services which funding bodies, international corporations and governments deem are what is needed, without reference to the people that the programs aim to assist. For example, vast amounts of money are poured into providing contraception to women in Third World Countries. The methods of contraception offered are usually long-acting and universally applied, taking away the individual woman's right to choose and adversely affecting her short and long term health outcomes.

WOOMB International offers training and support in the practice of the Billings Ovulation Method® of natural fertility regulation, which is a scientifically verified system with proven reliability in assisting couples to achieve or postpone pregnancy. It avoids any harmful drugs or devices and enables a woman to monitor her reproductive health by alerting her to any unusual symptoms which may require medical assessment.

The Billings Ovulation Method® is available in more than 100 countries, delivered by internationally affiliated organisations in forty nations. It is inexpensive and easy to learn by women of any educational standard from illiterate to post-graduate. It is most commonly spread by word of mouth from one satisfied user to another.

The key elements to ensure the necessary capacity and sustainable impact afforded by access to the Billings Ovulation Method® are access to the information and support when a woman's reproductive situation changes, for example when breastfeeding or approaching menopause. Representatives of WOOMB International will travel anywhere that is safe where they are invited/sponsored to deliver the necessary information/training. As a not-for-profit charitable organisation with no government funding WOOMB International is unable to fund promotional tours, but does have a significant internet and social media presence to endeavour to spread information about the Billings Ovulation Method®.

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